

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
October 24, 2003  
150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 540-A**

**Members Present:**

Barry A. Kriegsfeld	John Gallagher
Daniel Spaite	Michel Sucher (Chairman)
Michael Ward	Frank Walter
Phillip C. Richemont	

**Members Absent:**

Wendy Ann Lucid  
Harvey W. Meislin  
Robert Vavrick  
John H. Raife

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Judi Crume  
Donna Meyer  
Peggy Lahren  
Dona Markley  
Chuck Kramer  
Tim Singleton  
Susan Nicolas  
Victor Dominguez  
Robin Jarvis

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Kay Lewis

**Guests Present:**

Toni Brophy	Brian Smith	Gary Woods
Janine Anderson	Stephen Powles	Mike Baros
Mark Venuti	Sandy Scott	Bill Miller
Jim Roeder	Lori Moxon	
Marcus Rodriguez	Roy Ryals	
Matt Johnson	Nancy Parks	
Mary White	Terry Mason	

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Barry Kriegsfeld and seconded by Phillip Richemont to approve the October 24, 2003 agenda and minutes of April 25, 2003 with one correction. The minutes require correction to reflect that Frank Walter was present rather than absent.

**Motion carried.**

**III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Judi Crume, Chief for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Commission regarding legislative and budget issues.

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Membership Updates** – Michel Sucher gave the Chairman's Report. A copy is available through the Bureau.
- B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report** – The Committee met on October 16, 2003. They discussed the agenda, registration form, and invitation list for the upcoming EMS Futures Forum.
- C. EMS Futures Forum** – The Forum will be held on December 5, 2003 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel. It is located at 2620 West Dunlap Avenue. Michel Sucher identified the parties that are on the invitation list for the Forum.

- D. Bureau Staff Introductions and Organizational Update** – Judi Crume handed out a new organizational chart and the Bureau’s phone list. The Bureau has now formed three service lines. EMS Policy and Practice, Ambulance and Regional Services, and Trauma and Injury Prevention. She introduced Robin Jarvis and Tim Singleton two new employees of the Bureau.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee:** John Gallagher reported that:
- The Committee met on September 25, 2003.
  - The Committee started working on the statewide pediatric protocols. After the protocols are revised they will be forwarded for review and approval to the PMD Pediatric Protocol Subcommittee, PMD, MDC, and then EMS Council.
  - The Committee recommended that the Vaponefrin be added to the Interfacility Drug Transport List, but not to add it to the paramedic or IEMT drug boxes.

**Item: Use of Vaponefrin for Interfacility Drug Transport List  
(Discussion/Decision)**

**Follow Up: Medical Direction Commission**

**When: January 23, 2004**

**Who: John Gallagher**

**VI. RULES STATUS REPORT**

- A. Chapter 25 Revision and Rules Transition** – Dona Markley reported that the Department has submitted the Final Proposed EMS Rules to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for approval. The EMS Rules are scheduled for GRRC consideration on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at the Industrial Commission, 800 West Washington, First Floor Auditorium, Phoenix, Arizona. If approved the rules will go into effect approximately January 5, 2004. A copy of the document that was actually submitted to GRRC was handed out. Dona Markley thanked all the people that were involved in this process.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. RSI Protocol Approval** – A motion was made by John Gallagher seconded by Frank Walter to approve the protocols with the changes listed below.

**Motion carried.**

The committee recommended these changes:

- On the first page of the Competency Based Instructional Outline underneath Purpose: Add Prerequisite: Arizona Certified Paramedic currently active in the field
- Airway management will be explained by the Medical Director to be a term other than requiring immediate physical airway but other physical symptoms that need to be taken care of and conditions
- Course Outline III. Contraindications expanding 8 or add a #9 to include paraplegics, quadriplegics – or those with a significant mass of denervated muscle
- IV. Complications of Succinylcholine add Malignant Hyperthermia Delete Syndrome

- Etomidate – Complication – add Myoclonus
- Etomidate – Dosage Increase up to 0.20mg
- IV. Preparation and Procedure – Change wording to: Continually reassess and maintain life support procedures
- Procedure #6 – Add the word when indicated – should read – Maintain spinal immobilization for patients with possible spinal injury when indicated
- Documentation – Use of the Sellick’s maneuver – Add in cervical spine immobilization

Kay Lewis asked that after this protocol is updated that it be brought to the Education Committee and EMS Council for approval.

Toni Brophy will update the protocol and bring back to the Medical Direction Commission for approval.

**Item: RSI Protocol Approval**  
**Follow Up: Medical Direction Commission**  
**When: January 23, 2004**  
**Who: Toni Brophy**

- B. Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project Annual Update** – Gary Woods, Honeywell Fire Department, reported on the status of the five-year pilot project. The Pilot Project originally began in June 2000. The Honeywell Fire Department has not responded to any emergencies warranting the use of Amyl Nitrite. If there were to be an emergency it would be reported at the next MDC meeting and not at the annual update of the pilot project.

It was recommended that the Committee research this Pilot Project to see what it would take to make this project safe for everyone to use.

- C. Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project Annual Update** – Gary Woods, Honeywell Fire Department, reported on the status of the five-year pilot project. The Pilot Project originally began in October 2000. The Honeywell Fire Department has not responded to any emergencies requiring the use of Calcium Gluconate.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Diltiazem** – The Committee discussed replacing Verapamil with Diltiazem. A motion was made by Michael Ward seconded by John Gallagher to drop Verapamil and replace with Diltiazem. **Motion carried.**

The Committee recommended that the Department attempt to make this change within the next 90 days or the soonest timeframe possible.

- B. Continuous Cardiac Compressions Initiative**  
 This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**C. Formation of Task Force to Delineate Role and Responsibilities of Medical Direction**

Robert Vavrick would like to get EMS Medical Directors together to help delineate role and responsibilities particularly how to deal with individuals whose Medical Direction has been withdrawn. What reporting is required to the Bureau? How to prevent people from going from one Medical Director to another? This meeting will take place somewhere around the EMS Futures Forum on December 5, 2003.

**D. 2004 Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Barry Kriegsfeld and seconded by Daniel Spaite to approve the meeting schedule for 2004. There will three meetings per year (January, April, and September).

The date for the PMD Committee will be determined by the date set for AZTQ Committee (September 9<sup>th</sup> or September 16<sup>th</sup>). John Porter needs to check his schedule.

<b>Item:</b>	<b>September Meeting Dates for STAB and AZQT</b>
<b>Follow Up:</b>	<b>STAB Meeting</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>January 22, 2004</b>
<b>Who:</b>	<b>John Porter</b>

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one came forward.

**X. TRAINING OR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Medical Direction Commission will be held January 23, 2004.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by MDC on 1/23/04